

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. An accounting system comprising:
 - a part reporting registration certification to an accounting server from a terminal device when contents to be charged for are accessed in the terminal device which is previously registered in said accounting server;
 - a part confirming propriety of the reported registration certification in said accounting server, and performing fee charging; and
 - a part, when the propriety of the registration certification is confirmed, reporting permission of access to the contents, from said accounting server to said terminal device, and making the contents accessible in said terminal device.

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2. An accounting method comprising the steps of:
 - a) reporting registration certification to an accounting server from a terminal device when contents to be charged for are accessed in said terminal device which is previously registered in said accounting server;
 - b) confirming propriety of the reported registration certification in said accounting server, and performing fee charging; and
 - c) when the propriety of the registration certification is confirmed, reporting permission of access to the contents, from said accounting server

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to said terminal device, and making the contents accessible in said terminal device.

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3. An accounting method comprising the steps of:

- a) determining whether or not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied, when the contents are accessed; and
- b) enabling the access to the contents when the condition for accessing the contents is satisfied, and enabling the access to the contents after performing fee charging when the condition for accessing the contents is not satisfied.

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4. An accounting method comprising the steps of:

- a) determining whether or not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied;
- b) reporting fee charging to an accounting server when the condition for accessing the contents is not satisfied; and
- c) updating from said accounting server the condition for accessing the contents into a condition such that the contents can be accessed.

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5. An accounting method comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving a certificate previously

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issued for registration information of a terminal device, and determining whether or not the certificate is valid;

- 5 b) transmitting the determination result
of said step a) to said terminal device, generating
information indicating that a condition for
accessing contents is satisfied when the
determination result is that the certificate is
valid, and transmitting the generated information to
10 said terminal device; and
 c) charging said terminal device.

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6. A content executing device comprising:
a determining part determining whether or
not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied,
when the contents are accessed; and

- 20 an access control part enabling the access
to the contents when the condition for accessing the
contents is satisfied as a result of the
determination by said determining part, and enabling
the access to the contents after performing fee
25 charging when the condition for accessing the
contents is not satisfied.

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7. An accounting monitoring device
comprising:

35 a determining part determining whether or
not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied;
 an accounting reporting part reporting fee
charging to an accounting server when the condition
for accessing the contents is not satisfied as a

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result of the determination result of said determining part; and

a updating part updating, by a condition for accessing the contents, provided from said

5 accounting server, the condition for accessing the contents so that the contents can be accessed.

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8. The accounting monitoring device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said determining part, accounting reporting part and updating part are achieved on an OS of a terminal device.

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9. An accounting control device comprising:

a certificate determining part receiving a certificate previously issued for registration information of a terminal device, and determining whether or not the certificate is valid;

25 an information updating part transmitting the determination result from said certificate determining part to said terminal device, generating information indicating that a condition for accessing contents is satisfied when the

30 determination result is that the certificate is valid, and transmitting the generated information to said terminal device; and

an accounting part charging said terminal device.

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10. A computer-readable recording medium
storing therein a program causing a computer to
execute the steps of;
 a) determining whether or not a condition
5 for accessing contents is satisfied, when the
contents are accessed; and
 b) enabling the access to the contents
when the condition for accessing the contents is
satisfied as a result of the determination made in
10 said step a), and enabling the access to the
contents after performing fee charging when the
condition for accessing the contents is not
satisfied.
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11. A computer-readable recording medium
storing therein a program causing a computer to
20 execute the steps of;
 a) determining whether or not a condition
for accessing contents is satisfied;
 b) reporting fee charging to an accounting
server when the condition for accessing the contents
25 is not satisfied as a result of the determination in
said step a); and
 c) updating, by a condition for accessing
the contents, provided from said accounting server,
the condition for accessing the contents so that the
30 contents can be accessed.
- 35 12. The recording medium as claimed in
claim 11, wherein said steps a), b) and c) are
executed on an operating system of said computer.

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13. A computer-readable recording medium
storing therein a program causing a computer to
execute the steps of:
- a) receiving a certificate previously
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device, and determining whether or not the
certificate is valid;
 - b) transmitting the determination result
of said step a) to said terminal device, generating
10 information indicating that a condition for
accessing contents is satisfied when the
determination result is that the certificate is
valid, and transmitting the generated information to
said terminal device; and
 - c) charging said terminal device.
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